



Sustainable Bethel Commission

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MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

Wednesday, September 18, 2024 at 7:00 pm - Hybrid Meeting
Clifford J. Hurgin Municipal Center, 1 School St., Bethel, CT 06801
Meeting Room A

Present: Chair Kathryn Hebert, Gabriela Hernandez, Suneetha Malkani, Katie Troy, and Dana Dessereaux attended in-person. Tia Murphy and Kelly Coladarci attended via Google Meet.

Absent: Peter Schenkman

Kathryn Hebert called the meeting to order at 7:04pm.

Public Comments: Billy Michael 27.5 Fleetwood Avenue

Correspondence: None

Presentation – Bethel Arts:

Patricia Voorhees, a member on the board for Bethel Arts, gave an overview of an upcoming Sculpture Exhibit that they hope to launch on Earth Day 2025. This would be a Community Match Grant with Sustainable CT. The idea for the exhibit, budget/funding, timeline, and how the Sustainable Commission can help were discussed.

Chairman Comments Highlights:

- Would like to bring back guest speakers in 2025
- Sometime in 2025, invite the public to a meeting and give a mini presentation on what the Commission has done and thoughts for the future
- HRRA is sponsoring their annual recycling billboard contest

Consideration of Approval – July 17, 2024 minutes:

Motion made by D. Dessereaux, and seconded by G. Hernandez, to approve the minutes from 7/17/2024, as written. Vote, all in favor. Motion carries.

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Commissioner Reports:

Sustainable CT certification: K. Hebert stated the application for Bronze certification was submitted. Hoping to hear back in October, 2024.

Earth Day: K. Troy said emails have been sent to see who would like to be involved.

EV Charging: K. Hebert stated QiOn, an International EV Charging Company, has their R&D and Assembly Line in Bethel, CT. An RFI was sent out and shared with Town of Bethel officials. Thought given to where the best locations for EV chargers would be.

Solar: S. Malkani stated the first presentation from solar experts on September 13th took place. The second presentation will be online only on September 27th .

Pollinator Pathways: Nothing to report.

Survey: K. Hebert stated the online survey will stay posted as is and it may change in the future

West Conn Student Steward Project Collaboration:

G. Hernandez spoke of a possible collaboration with graduate students who are working on projects, an example would be the value of open space

Senior Homelessness:

K. Hebert discussed working with Social Services Dept and Senior Center to create awareness of the problem so a crisis can be averted

Walk Audit:

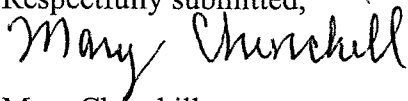
G. Hernandez will be sharing the summary report soon with the Commission

Other Business: None

Next Meeting: Wednesday, October 16, 2024 at 7:00pm in Meeting Room A

Motion made by G. Hernandez, and seconded by D. Dessereaux, to adjourn the meeting at 8:30pm. Vote, all in favor. Motion carries.

Respectfully submitted,



Mary Churchill

Recording Secretary